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**Remarks**

This PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT is filed prior to examination of this application. Please enter this Amendment into the application.

The specification and Figures have been amended to correct an inadvertent error in Table 1 and Figure 1, respectively. Table 1 and Figure 1 are identical except for their numeration.

After filing the application, Applicants noted that the nucleotide sequence in Table 1 and Figure 1 showed, on the last line, the 7<sup>th</sup> codon from the left side, the codon ACT. The correct codon in this position is ATC.

Applicants herewith provide marked-up and clean copies of: (1) page 16 of the specification and (2) Figure 1, page 1 (Replacement sheet 1/23). Appendix 1 contains the marked-up copy of Table 1; Appendix 2 contains the clean copy of Table 1; Appendix 3 contains the marked-up copy of Figure 1, page 1; and Appendix 4 contains the clean copy of Figure 1, page 1 (Replacement sheet 1/23).

Support for these amendments is present in the application as filed. Specifically, on page 20, second full paragraph, second sentence as follows:

Recently, two new transcripts of the hGH-V gene have been described (Boguszewski 1998). ... The second transcript to be described uses a similar alternative splice site within exon 3, to that seen for hGH-N, to predict a 20kDa isoform of hGH-V (GenBank accession number: AF006060).

Applicants herewith provide marked-up and clean copies of the GenBank webpages ([www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=AF006060.1](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/viewer.fcgi?val=AF006060.1)) showing the correct sequence.

Appendix 5 is a marked-up copy of the above website. The marked-up copy on page 2 shows the proper nucleotide sequence (at positions 292-294; box). Appendix 6 is the clean copy of the above website. The clean copy does not have the codon so marked.

No fees are due with this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-4089.

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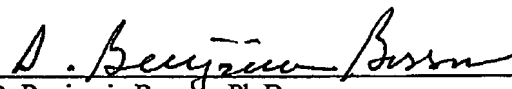
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**Appendix 1**  
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Table 1 Translated nucleotide sequence of hGH variants. Dashes indicate section deleted in 20 kDa hGH-V and 20 kDa hGH. Underlined section indicates signal sequence.

**Appendix 2**  
**Clean copy of Table 1**

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**Appendix 3**  
**Marked-up copy of Figure 1, page 1**

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## Marked-up Figure 1, page 1

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**Appendix 4**  
**Clean copy of Figure 1, page 1**  
**Replacement Sheet 1/23**

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## Replacement Sheet 1/23


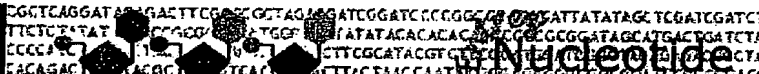
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